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### Exp'oring Expedition Continued

Crowd followed crowd; in long continued lines, across the fields, over the hills and along the streams. Long after the vast assembly had dispersed, I could see a little group still clinging to the spot, their eyes fixed upon my vessel; and their hands raised in supplication. Who they were it was painful to indulge the thought— I turned from the scene, and strove to allay the tide of feeling, with the reflection that the benefits I should confer upon mankind, would amply compensate for all the joys, pleasing associations and kindly sympathies I had sacrificed. I continued to ascend until it was evident my altitude was far beyond anything that had ever been attained.